

Peak Press

Linking people, programs and services

December 2008

Volume One, Issue Eleven

Red Cross approved as IACET Authorized Provider

The American Red Cross has been approved as an Authorized Provider by the International Association for Continuing Education and Training (IACET). IACET's Criteria for Quality Continuing Education and Training Programs are the standards by which hundreds of organizations measure their educational offerings. As an IACET Authorized Provider, the American Red Cross offers Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for its programs that qualify under IACET guidelines. Courses that qualify for CEUs include both Health & Safety and Disaster Training courses. Visit our website at www.pparc.org for more information, such as a list of the approved Red Cross courses which qualify for CEUs, the number of CEUs awarded for each course, and a link to purchase your CEUs.

Veteran's Day Parade Success!

The Veteran's Day Parade was a huge success! The 8th Street Wal-Mart kindly donated 75 dozen (that's 900!!) donuts, which were passed out to the crowd during the parade in homage to the donut dollies of WWII and Vietnam. Between showing of our Emergency Response Vehicle, passing out donuts, and a lot of hamming it up done by our mascot, Clara Barton, the Pikes Peak Chapter had some great exposure. We were joined by Pierre LaBlanc of the Mile High Chapter, Melinda Puig of the Fort Carson Station, and Diane Chavez of the Southeast Colorado Branch, making it a real "one Red Cross" event. We even made KRDO for a few seconds. Many thanks to all the volunteers who turned out, and we're looking forward to next year's event.

Great Turnout for Blood Drive

The Blood Drive that we held with Sam's Club and Bonfils Blood Center on Saturday, November 8 was a big success. We had 18 donors. 11 were first time donors. Thanks to all that participated!

Welcome New Volunteers

Six new Community Disaster Education Volunteer Ambassadors were trained on Wed., November 5th.

Welcome Alexandra, Christian, Connie, Rachael, Scott and Zyanya!



Veteran's Day Parade Volunteers



Clara Barkin as played by Victor Murcia



Stella at Veteran's Day Parade

SAF Grant Awarded to the Pikes Peak Chapter

The Pikes Peak Chapter was notified mid November that we have been awarded the \$17,090 grant that we applied for in September. The Chapter will utilize this money to build the Service to Armed Forces Program.

Disaster Training Institute Planned for Spring 2009

The newly formed Colorado State Consortia, which is made up of the Emergency Directors and their volunteer counterparts from all the Red Cross Chapters in Colorado, just held their first official meeting where the main topic was the planning of a Disaster Training Institute in late Spring 2009. A Disaster Training Institute is held over a few days (anywhere from 3-7 days) and offers many basic, intermediate and advanced level classes to Red Cross staff and volunteers in order to develop skills, leadership and overall capacity.

\$\$ FUNDRAISING \$\$

Brown-Bag-It for the Red Cross

Would your employer consider sponsoring a Brown-Bag Day for the Red Cross?



Here's how it works:

- Choose one day in December when employees will bring a "brown bag" lunch. Money that would normally be spent on eating out will be collected in a Red Cross lunch bag that will be delivered to your business by a Pikes Peak Chapter representative.
- A designated representative in your office will either pass the Red Cross lunch bag around or place it in the lunch room to collect donations (from 50 cents to ten dollars, every donation helps!).
- After your "Brown-Bag-It" day, a Pikes Peak Chapter representative will pick up your donations, all of which go to the Chapter.
- Contact jmariano@pparc.org for more details.

Auction Items Needed for March Auction

Do you have a new item or know a business that would be willing to donate an item or service? The Chapter will be hosting an on-line auction in March and we need items for the auction. Contact jmariano@pparc.org with questions/suggestions.

Save The Date!!!

- Saturday, March 7, 2009 Red Cross Marketplace (Vendors Needed)
- Saturday, March 28, 2009 Pet Fashion Show to Benefit the Red Cross at Chapel Hills Mall
- (Contact jmariano@pparc.org for more details)





Holiday Gift Ideas

Give the Gift of Life-Saving



Stocking Stuffers



Pocket Pak
\$4



CPR Barrier
\$4

Gifts for Everyone



Ready Pak
\$10



Family Kit
\$20 (soft)



Family Kit
\$20 (hard)

Gifts for Pet Owners



Pet FA Kit
\$18



Pet FA Kit
\$12.50



Dog and Cat Books w/DVD
\$17

Gift Certificates

Any amount, good for products and classes

Stop by or call (719) 632-3563

Holiday Pies for Sale!



- Village Inn Pie Certificates are on sale for \$10 with a portion of the sales coming back to the Red Cross.
- Pies make an excellent gift for the holidays. Buy one for yourself for your holiday dinner!



→Contact jmariano@pparc.org for more details.